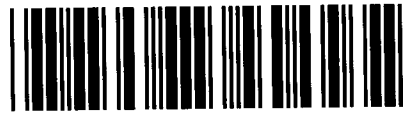


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**APPLICATION OF RANKIN PARK  
MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES  
COMPANY FOR CLASS B  
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
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**JOINT MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF INTERIM RATES**

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), representing the public interest and on behalf of Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities Company ("Rankin"), and files this Joint Motion for the Approval of Interim Rates.

**I. BACKGROUND**

On January 4, 2016, Rankin filed an application for a rate/tariff change with a proposed effective date of March 1, 2016. On February 11, 2016, Order No. 2 was entered, finding the application to be administratively incomplete.

On February 26, 2016, Rankin filed a supplement to its application, including a revised proposed notice with a revised proposed effective date of May 1, 2016.

**II. JOINT MOTION**

The Commission's rules permit the establishment of interim rates to remain in effect until a final decision is made in a ratemaking proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Staff and Rankin are the only parties to this docket and have agreed to request that the Administrative Law Judge approve interim minimum bill and gallonage rates to be charged by Rankin beginning on May 1, 2016. These interim rates would be charged instead of the rates proposed in Rankin's application during the pendency of this

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<sup>1</sup> 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.29(a) ("TAC").

proceeding. The proposed interim rates are reflected in the draft tariff sheets attached to this motion.

Staff recommends that the proposed interim rates are consistent with the requirements of the Commission's rule<sup>2</sup> and are consistent with the public interest. In particular, the approval of interim rates would reduce the extent of or possibly eliminate the need for any refund that may be credited to Rankin's customers based on the difference between Rankin's proposed rates and the rates that will ultimately be adopted in this proceeding. This has the effect of decreasing the potential for economic hardship for Rankin that would result from being required to calculate and provide for such a refund.

If interim rates are approved in this proceeding, Staff and Rankin propose that Rankin provide notice to its customers with the first billing at the interim rate consistent with the Commission's rule.<sup>3</sup>

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above discussion.

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<sup>2</sup> See 16 TAC § 24.29(d). Specifically, the Commission's rule states that interim rates may be established when, *inter alia*, failure to set interim rates could result in an unreasonable economic hardship on the utility. *Id.*


<sup>3</sup> See 16 TAC § 24.29(j).

Date: April 20, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

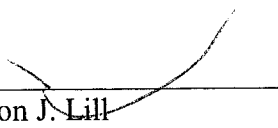
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on April 20, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

  
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**SECTION 1.0 – WATER RATE SCHEDULE**Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u> (Includes <u>0</u> gallons all meters)	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$46.65</u>	<u>\$3.00</u> per 1,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$77.75</u>	
1½"	<u>\$155.50</u>	
2"	<u>\$248.80</u>	
3"	<u>\$466.50</u>	

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash X, Check X, Money Order     , MasterCard     , Visa     , Electronic Fund Transfer       
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REGULATORY ASSESSMENT .....1.0%  
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**SECTION 1.0 – SEWER RATE SCHEDULE**Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u> (Includes <u>0</u> gallons all meters)	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$38.03</u>	<u>\$3.00</u> per 1,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$63.38</u>	
1½"	<u>\$126.75</u>	
2"	<u>\$202.80</u>	
3"	<u>\$380.25</u>	

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